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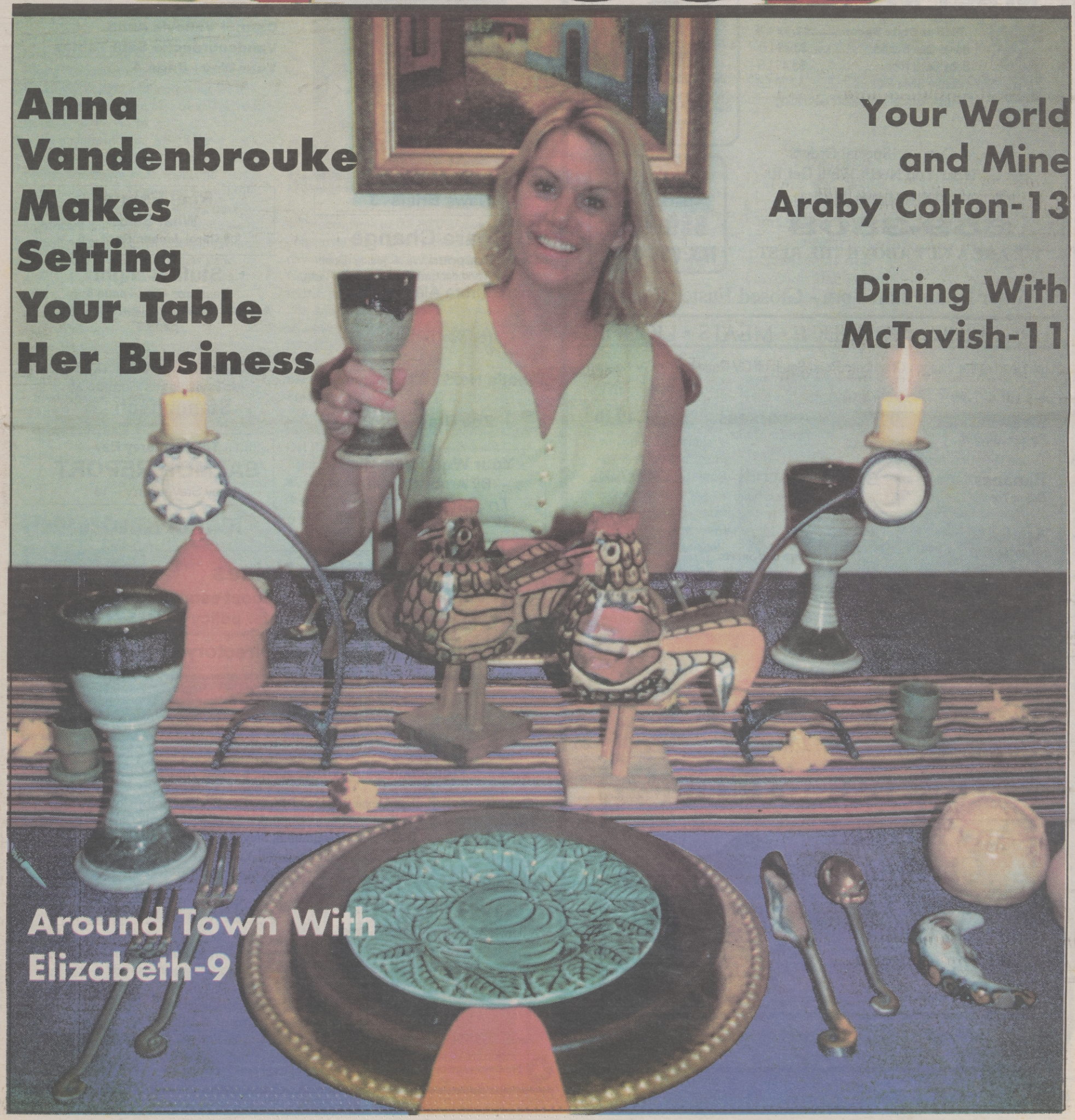

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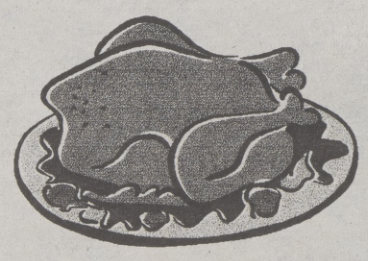

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Letters

CVPOA Supports AB 18

CVPOA (Carmel Valley Property Owners Association) whole-heartedly supports Assemblyman Fred Keeley's proposed Assembly Bill 18, the Watershed, Wildlife, Parks & Coastal Resources Improvement Act of 2000. Such bond acts, in the past, have been immensely important for our area, they by protecting natural resources benefit both residents and visitors now and in the future. The natural beauty of the Central Coast is a delight and a blessing for not only Californians but also travelers from throughout the world.

We understand that AB 18, as introduced, allocates two thirds of the 1.5 billion dollars for state, local and regional parks and one third for wildlife and land conservation. It would fund significant acquisition and restoration of critical watersheds, wildlife habitats and urban parks. This bond of new parks grants to cities and counties for local parks. AB 18 would also provide for programs to protect our coasts, watersheds and urban parks.

We ask not only members but all area residents to write supporting letters. Please send letters to:

Fred Keeley, Speaker Pro Tem
State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814
(916) 319-2027

Rod Mills
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Fluorescent Pink Not Unconstitutional

I'd like to make a comment on the article in the March 18, 1999 issue called "Paint Your House, Go to Jail." First of all, what ever happened to the First Amendment which gives us Freedom of Expression. After slaving away through hard labor for enough money to make a down payment on a house, a nazi, Gestapo agency like the ARC or HOA is going to tell me what color I can paint it. This is a serious invasion of privacy.

Second, it's my house. I paid for it, and if I want to paint it fluorescent Pink with green polka dots, I should be allowed. Also, who are they to tell anyone what they can do inside their house or how they can build the inside of it. These regulations are not what the American dream is founded on. If I wanted a house like everyone else's house, I'd move to Russia or a country where you have no rights.

What I do with my house or in my house is my business unless I'm physically hurting someone. Who gives a goddamn if your property value goes down? If someone is so worried about their property value going down then they should put a crow bar in their wallet and pry it open in order to buy a house in some snobby neighborhood where they belong. If the person is too cheap to do this, then they should shut up!

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Do your shopping in cities that supported us: Marina, Seaside, King City, Del Rey Oaks and the stores in Sand City! Their Supervisor Edith Johnsen voted for us-our Supervisor Potter joined the pack to give our funds to Prunedale.

Know the clamor for widening Highway 1 to "solve" the congestion is a pie in the sky false hope. We would walk away from opposition in a New York minute if it would do more than add dangerous merging lanes and delays.

It is full knowledge that the bypass would be finished sooner than the years required to complete the process to get bulldozers moving to build the Operational "Improvements."

To eleven members of TAMC who voted against the bypass made the mistake of the century.

Lois Starnes
Carmel

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Setting Her Way

With 50,000 Pieces, Carmel Valley's Anna Vandenbroucke Will Set Your Table

By Andrea Greco

When I open my kitchen cabinets I see what I consider a "china collection." Inside, there is a melange of mismatched plates that are hand-me-downs from family members who have upgraded. I thought my assortment of bowls, plates, cups and saucers was extensive yet my perception changed greatly when I met Anna Vandenbroucke. If I have a collection, Anna has a museum.

Anna Vandenbroucke of Carmel Valley has more than a few plates. She has over 150 sets of dishes, 6,000 crystal glasses, Depression Era glass pieces, flatware, silverware, and linens totaling over fifty thousand pieces.

> I enjoy my job because I am doing something that I love. I am always on the lookout for new things. Collecting doesn't feel like work.

What does she do with all this paraphernalia? Throw lots of parties? Eat on a different set of plates every meal for fun? Open a restaurant? Well, not exactly.

She sets tables. Not in the traditional sense, however. When Anna sets a table, it is no small affair! She supplies crystal, silverware, dishes, linens, candle holders, centerpieces - everything except the food. She can set a table for three or three hundred.

Influenced by her mother, an antique dealer, Anna has always had a passion for interesting looking china and artistic table arranging. "I've always loved china. I was one of those kids who just loved to set the table at Christmas," says Anna. She only began seriously collecting about fifteen years ago when she purchased eight black plates from the store Pier One. She was working full time as a surgical nurse at Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula and wanted to find a way to put her creative talents to work. On a whim, with the encouragement of some friends, Anna placed a two-line ad in the classified section of a local newspaper. It simply stated "I will set your table," and listed her phone number.

A few days later she received a call from an event coordinator asking if she would do some table settings and centerpieces for a party he was putting together. When asked for her input, Anna suggested an all-black theme, not disclosing the fact that black plates were the only ones she had. The coordinator thought it was a great idea and offered her the job on the spot. She enthusiastically accepted, but she needed to accommodate fifty people and only had eight plates. Anna spent a week calling every Pier One store in California trying to track down the additional forty-two plates. One week and a few hundred dollars later, Anna had amassed fifty matching plates.

The day before the big party, Anna had everything organized. The plates were clean, the centerpieces were arranged, and the linens were pressed. All was right with the world.

As she was loading everything into the car, the phone rang. It was the event coordinator. The party had been cancelled. Anna found herself stuck with fifty black plates and hundreds of dollars in debt. Many people might have cut their losses and given up but Anna decided she now had a table setting business. She named it "Setting Your Way" and started spreading the word among friends and acquaintances. Slowly but surely, she started to get jobs. Although she continued nursing during the week, her weekends began filling up with parties; not to attend, but to decorate. "On my fifteen minute breaks at the hospital, I would call home, check my messages, and call back clients. It was pretty crazy."

As her business grew, so did her stockpile. She slowly accumulated more and more china, adding crystal, silverware, flatware and linens. Her quest took her from the smallest garage and rummage sales to Italy, France and small villages of South America. Her largest and most often requested dish set is comprised of 1200 white and gold pieces. " My mom always bought quality pieces. She taught me what to look for."

The variety of Anna Vandenbroucke's collection allows her to accommodate almost any type of party. No matter what the occasion, be it a wedding, a wine tasting, or a child's birthday party, it is assured that the dishes and linens are all incorporated into a central theme. Even the centerpieces, which have been everything from candles and flowers to model airplanes and handmade bird's nests, are included in Anna's repertoire.

Not your typical collector, Anna has transformed a hobby into a lucrative career. She recently quit the hospital and now designing tables is her full-time occupation. Her client list includes such notable Carmel Valley establishments as Stonepine, Chateau Julien, and Holman Ranch. "I enjoy my job because I am doing something that I love. I am always on the lookout for new things. Collecting doesn't feel like work."

Anna is fortunate, having turned a favorite pastime into a career.

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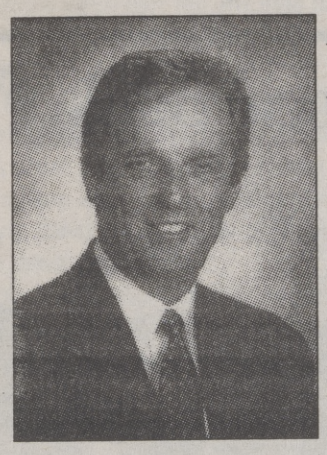

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News Briefs

New Legislation to End Subsidy of Timber

Sacramento-Speaker pro Tem Fred Keeley has introduced legislation to end the public subsidy of private timber harvesting in California.

Under current state law, timber harvesting may not occur until the California Department of Forestry (CDF) approves a timber harvest plan (THP). The THP process is designed to provide review of harvesters' plans to harvest volume, location, cutting method, erosion control, and wildlife habitat protection. Review of timber harvest plans by CDF is currently paid for entirely by the public.

Keeley's bill, AB 748, would shift the cost of review of timber harvest plans from the taxpayers to the timber industry.

The THP process is, under law and regulation, a substitute for environmental impact reports (EIR's) required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). In the case of EIR's under CEQA, the applicant for subdivision, commercial center or other development pays the cost of the processing of their permit. The policy basis for this is that the applicant will enjoy private financial benefit from project approval.

CDF currently reviews an average of 1,240 timber harvest plans each year at an approximate cost to the taxpayers of $10 million a year. Over 7,824,000 acres of timber in California are subject to THP review by the CDF.

"Through this process, I hope to ensure more adequate review of THP's by the Department of Fish and Game, Water Quality Control Boards and the Division of Mines and Geology. Currently, these agencies are given a role in review of THP's but they are so lacking in adequate funding that it is virtually impossible for them to complete an adequate environmental review," said Keeley.

PBC and SPCA Dedicate Harbor Seal Mural

Schoolchildren and teachers throughout Monterey Couny joined local dignitaries and officials with Pebble Beach Company and the SPCA of Monterey County to dedicate the 1999 Harbor Seal Protection Mural. The Dedication Ceremony took place Wednesday, March 31 at the Inn at Spanish Bay. Three County Supervisors attended to congratulate this year's young artists.

The Harbor Seal Protection Mural, composed of 37 hand-painted panels created by school children, reflects the rich variety of marine wildlife so abundant on the Central Coast. The Mural serves as an attractive and informative screen to shield these endearing marine mammals from disturbances caused by curious onlookers.

"The success of the Harbor Seal Mural Project has been phenomenal," stated Roxayne Spruance, Manager of Environmental Outreach for Pebble Beach Company. "Harbor seals are naturally shy creatures, easily disturbed. The mural protects them while at the same time allowing casual observation from peepholes cut strategically in the panels. This year, we cut the peepholes in the shape of marine animals to enhance the overall effect."

Dr. Priscilla Stockner, Executive Director of the SPCA said, "This is one of those magical programs where children's artwork is used to convey an important conservation message. "

Preparation for the Harbor Seal Protection Mural begins in the Fall when nearly 150 teachers apply to participate in the program. Seventeen schools are selected from across the County and the process begins.

Pebble Beach Company supplies all of the materials and installs the panels at the Cypress Point Lookout along the 17-Mile Drive.

Big Sur Multi-Agency Advisory Council Meeting

Fifth District Supervisor Dave Potter announced the next meeting of the Big Sur Multi-Agency Advisory Council. The meeting, chaired by Conressmember Sam Farr, will be held on Friday, April 9, 1999, at 10am at the Big Sur Lodge Conference Center in Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park on Highway One, Big Sur.

Topics to be discussed include updates on the following issues: recycling in Big Sur, a proposal for limiting helicopter flying in the Big Sur Area, the county's short term rental ordinance as it pertains to Big Sur, outdoor lighting control, Caltrans' Coast Highway Management Plan and reports from member agencies.

The Big Sur Multi-Agency Advisory Council consists of representatives of residents and business groups and major governmental agencies with jurisdiction in Big Sur. The Council acts as an informal review body for all development proposals in Big Sur.

MST Election of Officers

The Monterey-Salinas Transit (MST) Board of Directors has re-elected Morris Fisher as Chairman and Fernando Armenta as Vice-Chairman at their March 8, 1999 meeting.

Morris Fisher is a member of the Pacific Grove City Council, and a Vice President with Cypress Bank. He previously served on the MST Board for fifteen years from 1976-1990. During that time he was elected Vice-Chairman for nine consecutive years and then Chairman for four years. In 1996, Mr. Fisher was again elected to the Pacific Grove City Council and re-appointed to the MST Board of Directors.

Fernando Armenta is a member of the Salinas City Council and has been on the MST Board since 1996. During that time, he has served on the Marketing, Finance and Operations Board Committees.

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HOME SALES by Carol Jensen Root

Home Sales for the Week of March 14-20, 1999

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Mac Finley sold a property on Monte Verde Street to Timothy and Lynn Allen for $658,500.

Joanne Nix sold a property on Junipero Avenue to Barry Riskin for $520,000.

Patricia Theriault sold a property on San Antonio Street to Dave and Kerry Rothschild for $1,317,500.

Clark Cornell sold a property on Torres Street to Stephen Thornborrow for $640,000.

Susan Prindel sold a property on 8th Street to Thomas McCardle for $760,000.

John and Judith Ruder sold 3189 Serra Avenue to Charles and Allison McDaniel for $389,000.

CARMEL VALLEY:
Quail Lodge Inc. sold 5487 Quail Meadows Drive to Beverly Hamilton for $850,000.

Alan and Ardis Turnball sold 4000 Rio Road #41 to Kathryn Garber for $300,000.

Helen Peoples sold 15 Piedras Blancas to Sandra Utegaard for $345,000.

Lavern and Esther Schafer sold 9500 Center Street #49 to James and Helen Corbett for $180,000.

Earle Snider sold 298 Hacienda to Mary Jane Kelly for $205,000.

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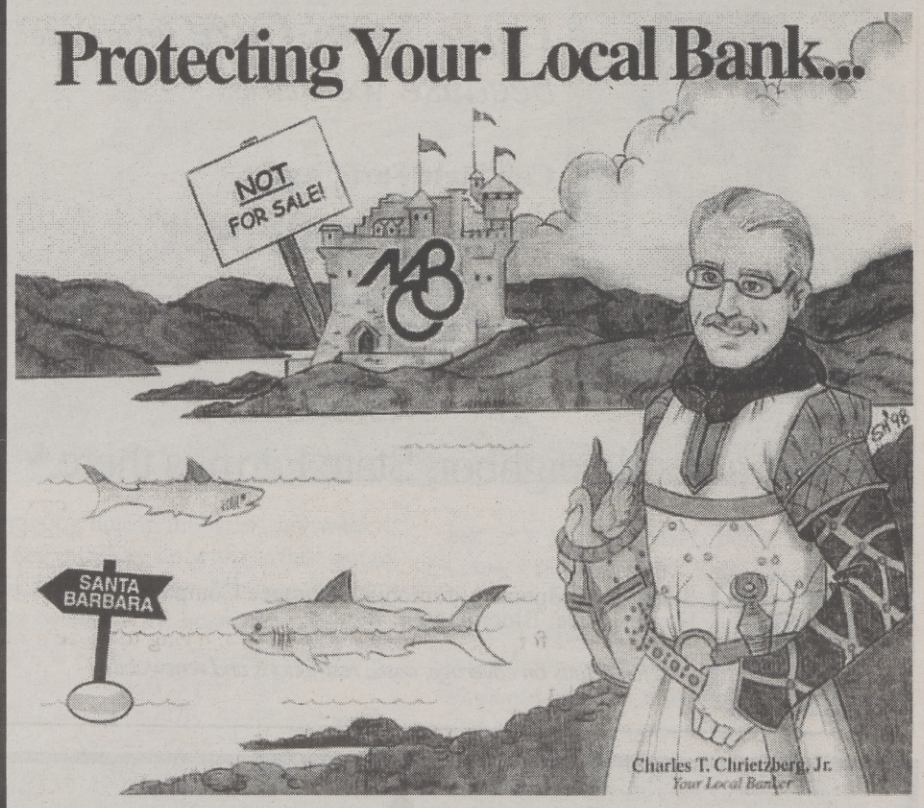

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Social Potpourri

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Questions or demands like these for example:

- When we apply for a building permit and our request is denied due to available water credits. All we wanted was to add a second bathroom that would have enhanced the quality of our family life significantly. Do we ask the Building Department to explain how they have amassed enough water credits to build a new resort with swimming pools and a golf course? No, we don't. Do we demand an explanation of this all too obvious a slap in the face of all taxpayers? No, we don't.
- Do we contact the Cable Company and demand an explanation that holds water, as to why they insist on that ridiculously, peculiar channel tier systems designed to cost the consumer the absolute maximum amount of money every month? No, we don't.
- Do we contact the City and question their policy of only one Cable Company per area? Alternatively, why that same company engages in channel blocking of local stations to Satellite providers? No, we don't.
- Do we contact the FCC and our local phone company to actively fight against the recently added $1.50 surcharge for a second line? Or the additional fifty cents per month charged to us for the ability to keep our phone number should we choose a different Long Distance carrier? No, we don't.
- Do we write letters, or cancel our policies when we discover that our insurance company has overcharged us? Or charged us for services we could not possibly have received? Or has been sued for doing these things to others? Do we even listen to enough financial news to know when a company has been sued for these practices or worse? No, we don't.
- Do we refuse to take approved credit cards issued by institutions whose honesty in dealing with its customer base is in question? No, we don't.
- Do we audibly question, argue, demand change, require honesty and clear communication for or about the myriad of changes and charges foisted upon us by faceless bureaucratic minions? Absolutely not.

Perhaps you don't care about any of the above inconveniences or exorbitant additional charges, but I'll bet you do. I'm certain that you are just as offended and angry as the next person, so why do you accept their performance without a fight? Likely, you grew up listening to older people saying, "You can't fight City Hall". Replaying those old chestnuts in your mind stops you from confronting the offending companies or agencies.

What stops you is fear. Fear of being the only one; fear of being singled out; fear of being retaliated against by some overpaid clerk with a little power. Power perceived by you to be much greater than it really could be. What could that clerk possibly do to you? Unplug your cable? Not bloody likely as long as your payment is current. Talk about you to his colleagues? Probably, but if you organized a group from work or your neighborhood and you made an afternoon of it you would see a different policy in place in no time at all.

But, you're not going to do that are you? It's eternally satisfying to sit around complaining to no one in particular that your paycheck doesn't seem to go as far as it used to. Moreover, road rage is always a viable alternative.

We often ask each other and ourselves if these agencies think we are fools or just plain stupid. Well, they do and we certainly are.

We often ask each other and ourselves if these agencies or companies think we are fools or just plain stupid. Well, they do and we certainly are. As things stand right now, they have all the data necessary to back up that thinking. Because as long as we behave like the SHEEOPLE they believe us to be, we will be treated to plenty of grazing land, via television. We'll continue to allow ourselves to be fleeced repeatedly, any time this union of clerks takes a notion to do so.

We know we must be getting close again because the last few weeks have yielded significant information. According to our congressional space shuttles drivers of the twin ships US RISKFREE and US SAFESOCIETY, they are on their mission to find great amounts of Yak wool.

A virgin herd of Yaks has been spotted high in the Andes, trying to make a run for it near the Peruvian border. You see the Yaks are hiding because they are ardently opposed to having their wool pulled over our eyes.

However, no one in the corporate or agency culture seems to give a damn, about the wool, about our ability to see the entire picture clearly, or about Yak philosophy. I wonder why, don't you?

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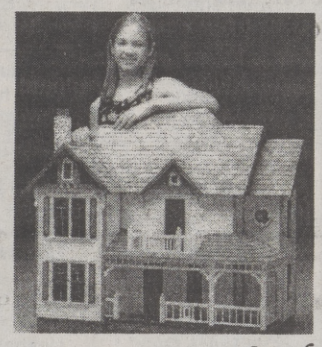

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The legendary soprano saxophonist Steve Lacy is a musician of many facets. He started out playing dixieland, as a great fan of Sidney Bechet. He then became one of the preeminent players of the music of Thelonius Monk. He has always been an innovator in free improvisation and has recorded over 100 discs in small groups or under his own name. This evening of music will be quite exciting.

Saturday April 24

Dimitri Matheny Quartet

The extraordinary flugelhorn player Dimitri Matheny returns to The Jazz and Blues Company for a night of wonderful music. Matheny plays with a rich, expressive tone and his compositions are thoughtfully sculpted. He has played at the Monterey Jazz Festival and all over the Bay area. Be sure not to miss one of the most eloquent musical voices in the Bay area today.

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	Doc's Nightclub 649-4241	"Naughty Babies" and "Filth"	"Mover" and "Mother Hips"	"Junior Watson and the West Coast Playboys"	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
	Planet Gemini 373-1449	Live comedy 9pm	Live comedy 9pm	Live comedy 9pm	Super Combo: Grupo Oasis & Tropical 2000	Closed	Closed	Club La Buena with Grupo Fuego
	Sly McFly's 649-8050	"Cruisin' Deuces" No cover 8:30pm	"Mighty Mike" Rythm and Blues Stars 8:30pm	RJ Mischo 8:30pm	Bee Bop with "Along Came Betty" No cover 7pm	"Ace Hill Jazz Trio" No cover 7pm	Live jazz and blues jam with Joe Lucido 8:30pm	Lauri Hofer No cover 8:30 pm
	Whitey's Place 646-8383	Call For Information	"Juice" and "Lovers and Strangers"	Blues with "The Filth" 9:30pm	Call For Information	Call For Information	Call For Information	Call For Information
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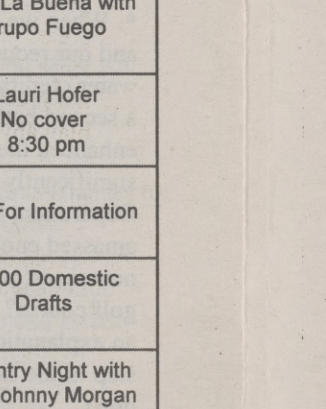

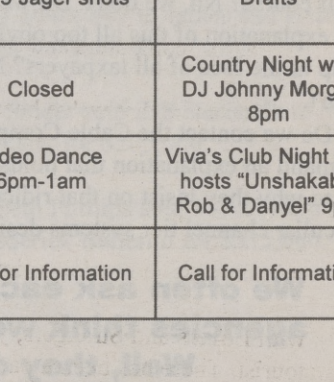

Jason and Nedda looking all too happy at Bosso's.

AROUND TOWN
with Elizabeth COWLEY

For all the 20 and 30 somethings, an integral part of your prom, Marina warehouse, keg party, Monterey club history is coming to an end. After 14 years of rock and roll **Lovers and Strangers** will play their last show this Friday at Whitey's. Let's check in with illusive frontman Ray Bertolino.

Sun: So, Ray, what are you up to?

Ray: I'm taking a bath.

Sun: I see. So, are the rumors of your breakup true?

Ray: This will be our last show. We're not breaking up but we're not going to play anymore.

Sun: Hmmm… OK Bill, what does that mean?

Ray: When we do play again it will be a whole different deal. It won't be four guys with guitars and drums. We're going to take advantage of technology and add keyboards, computers and sequencing… We'll be back but we won't be the Lovers and Strangers that we've been for 14 years.

So there you have it, Lovers and Strangers is breaking up - sort of. Ray estimated about a three-month hiatus (possibly six in musician time) to get the new gig in gear. If you're not familiar with Lovers and Strangers, you must be a tourist. There has been a parade of drummers and bassists but Ray Bertolino's singing and Steve Sipple's guitar have remained constant with party rock tunes about notable peninsula personalities (they're not saying who), golf and a myriad of other topics. But two things are probably certain, Ray would make a great politician and this Friday at Whitey's will be the last time to see Lovers and Strangers the way you fondly remember them, and before they start rapping.

This historic retirement of the old Lovers and Strangers coincides with the closing of Whitey's. I was unable to contact Jeff before heading to press but I suspect he'll be back with a new venue in the near future.

Mother Hips will grace the stage at Doc's this Friday. Mother Hips got their start the way many a college band has - with some cheap beer in a dorm room. The Hips call Chico State their home and they hit the indie scene at large with their 1992 CD release *Back to the Grotto*. The Hips have toured extensively and put out three more CDs, the latest of which is titled *Later Days* which has been met with rave reviews. The Mother Hips are a little bit country, a little bit California soul with some rock and folk thrown in for good measure. "Hippie band" comes to mind but they've outgrown that moniker and matured over the years. This is a rare chance to see Mother Hips in Monterey, bravo Matt for another fine booking. Mover opens ShowTime 9:30p.m.

Mother Hips come to Doc's this Friday with Mover opening. ShowTime 9:30p.m.

One band is just never enough for a peninsula musician. **Storm Nilson**, usually of Storm Warning, will perform as part of the **Slow Herbie Trio** this Friday at Blue Fin. Storm, one of Carmel Valley's child prodigy blues guitarists, will join fellow Storm Warning musician Renzo Staino and Herbie Trioists, drummer Mike Shannon and bassist Matt Puentes. I'm pretty sure that makes for a Slow Herbie Quartet, but what do I know? Mike Shannon is a star among percussionists having played with John Hiatt, Dennis Murphy and Trail by Fire. Storm and Renzo are known for their blues but in the Slow Herbie incarnation I'm told to look for some jazz and fusion thrown into the mix. ShowTime 9p.m. - no cover. Reggae fans take note - **Katchabeat** will hit BlueFin Saturday night. ShowTime 9p.m. - no cover.

There's live music to be heard at Sly McFly's every night of the week these days and you won't want to miss **R.J. Mischo's** debut performance this Saturday. So who is Mischo and his Red Hot Blues Band? Mischo plays the harmonica and has been telling his blue tales of woe for over 20 years. Beginning his career in Minneapolis, Mischo was brought through the ranks playing with blues legends (what else could they be with names like this) Mojo Buford, Milwaukee Slim and Lazy Bill Lucas. Mischo has 4 CD's under his belt and his write-ups all include the phrases "blistering", "hot", "authentic Chicago blues" etc., so this sounds like the real deal. For harp driven blues with some cut-the-rug swing, mosey down to Sly McFly's Saturday night, ShowTime 8:30p.m.

Roaming around mid-week with nothing to do? Thursday is host to **The Chirstening** house-music dance frenzy at McGattett's with D.J. Jae Kim. Wednesday is **Disco Inferno** night at BlueFin with half price pool for those of the female persuasion. If the husstle isn't your thing Wednesday is also **Club Night** at Viva Monterey, hosted by **Unshakable Rob and Danyel**, where you can win big $$. And swing dancers know the place to be is BlueFin on Thursday with Dizzy Burnett and free swing lessons at 8p.m.

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Thursday April 1

Today! Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula and the American Red Cross are sponsoring a blood drive. It will be held at the Carmel Valley Community Chapel from 3-6:30pm. Refreshments will be served following your donation.

Friday April 2

The Carmel Valley Seniors Program will host a free lunch with musical entertainment and a discussion by Peter Meckel on Elder Hostels. Information about the Alliance on Aging will be provided. This lunch and discussion will take place at the Carmel Valley Community Youth Center, 25 Ford Road, on Friday, April 2nd at 11am. For information, please leave a message on the Community Center message machine: 659-3983. They will return your call!

Saturday April 3

Join the Carmel Host Lions Club and Mr. Bunny Himself for a wonderful pancake breakfast, sausage, orange juice & coffee; $3 for children 12 years and under, $4 for adults, $10 for a family of four with each additional person $3. There is an opportunity drawing for a bicycle and more! Eggstravaganza - After breakfast, visit "Eggland" for face painting, pictures with the bunny, balloons, cookie decorating, musical entertainment, and carnival games. A passport to "Eggland " can be purchased for $5. This is not an egg hunt. The Eggstravaganza will take place on Saturday, April 3rd, from 9am-noon at the Devendorf Park, the corner of Ocean and Junipero in Carmel. For information, call 626-1255.

The Redwings Horse Sanctuary invites you to join in their 5th annual Easter event. This is a great day for the whole family! The day will start with a continental breakfast, followed by Easter egg hunts for all ages, horse grooming for the kids and tours of the sanctuary. The cost for this event is $5 for adults and $2.50 for children. This event will take place on Saturday, April 3rd, from 11am-2pm at the Redwings Horse Sanctuary. The Sanctuary is located on Riley Ranch Road across from the Point Lobos State Park, Highway 1 in Carmel. For more information, call Karen at 624-8464.

Sunday April 4

Sunday, April 4, is the last day to see "Two Dozen Roses," presented by the Unicorn Theater. The show begins at 7:00pm. Tickets are $15 general, $12 students and seniors. Special group discounts are available. The Unicorn Theater is located on 320 Hoffman Ave. in Monterey. For information, call 649-0259.

Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History presents Mysterious Manatees. The shadowy forms of manatees swimming slowly just below the water's surface have fascinated people for centuries. Mysterious Manatees' exhibit is intended to improve our understanding of these animals & heighten our regard for their needs-both critical to their survival. Sunday, April 4, at 2pm, the museum will present Underwater with Manatees by Richard Todd of Monterey Peninsula Underwater Photographs. The museum is located at 165 Forest Avenue in Pacific Grove.

Merril Lynch is sponsoring "First Sunday" at the Monterey Museum of Art, on April 4th, from 1:30 to 3:30pm. The Trio Accorde will be playing at the La Mirada location, 720 Via Mirada, Monterey. Together since 1995, the Trio Accorde is composed of Joanne DePhillips, piano; Heather Katz, harp; and Amy Anderson, cello. The musicians will be playing music from Beethoven, Peter Herrmann, Gabriel Faure and assorted tunes from the 40's arranged for

Monday April 5

Please join the Carmel Woman's Club for Verna Test's presentation of "John Steinbeck, His Life and His Works." The program will take place at 2pm, Monday, April 5th, at the Carmel Woman's Club, Ninth and San Carlos, in Carmel. The presentation will provide information about Steinbeck's personal life, how it influenced his writing, and includes a slide show. Refreshments will follow. For information, please call 659-5027.

Tuesday April 6

The National Society of Fund Raising Executives, Monterey Bay Chapter, is sponsoring a three-hour workshop "Fund Raising Cost Effectiveness" April 6th from 2pm to 5pm at York School, 9501 York Rd. (off Monterey-Salinas Highway). The cost of the workshop is free to NSFRE members, $10 for Board Members and $15 for non-members. To reserve in advance, send checks to NSFRE, Monterey Bay Chapter, c/o Jennifer Santee, 1490 Imperial, Seaside, CA 93955 by April 1st. For information, call Ione Strum at 800-4911.

The Monterey County Vegetarians will be holding their monthly meeting and potluck on Tuesday, April 6th at 7pm in the Community Room at the Crossroads Shopping Center. Please bring a vegetarian dish to share, a list of ingredients, a place setting, a candle or flowers for the table, and a beverage. Please do not park on Crossroads Blvd. Contact Beulaj Trist at 622-7427 for additional information.

UPCOMING EVENTS...

The Carmel Art Association presents a father and son show in the Center Room Gallery by **Miguel and Miguelin Dominguez.** The senior Dominguez is known for his tranquil landscapes rendered in a dry-brush watercolor style. Miguelin, also a watercolorist, is following closely in his father's footsteps and has developed his own following since joining the CAA in the early 90s. Both artists are showing new works. The show will run from April 8th through May 5th. The Carmel Art Association is located on Dolores between 5th and 6th and is open daily from 10am to 5pm. For more information, call 624-6176.

Jazz fans rejoice! The 4th annual Big Sur Jazz Festival returns to the South Coast from April 16th through the 18th. Friday and Saturday nights will feature single artist performances at the River Inn, Loma Vista, Nepenthe, Ventana, Rocky Point & Fernwood restaurants. The grand finale on Sunday among the redwoods of Pfeiffer Big Sur Park will run from 11am to 6pm and features (among others): Mundell Lowe, Virginia Mayhew, Avishai Cohen, Ledesi, Monterey Leaders and headliners, the Roy Hargrove Sextet. Sunday's Tickets are $30 and are available by visiting www.bigsurjazz.org (or call Ticketweb: 510-601-TWEB). For more information call 667-2654.

Swing Monterey's first all-ages party will be held on April 9th at the CSUMB campus at the "Black Box." Free lessons are from 8pm to 9pm and the "King Kats will play from 9pm until midnight. The event will also host a High School Challenge; every high school in Monterey County is invited to send their best Swing Dancers to compete against one another for the title of Swing Monterey's "Best High School Swingers." Other prizes will be offered for East and West Coast Swing, Lindy Hop, and best couple. The cover charge will be $10 for non-members, $8 for students and $5 for Swing Monterey club Members. For more information, call Gary Baley at 646-1547 or Kate DiMino at 647-0864.

Jewish Food Festival and Craft Faire

Quality artisans and craft people are wanted to participate in this 12th Annual Event that draws over 3,000 people from the Monterey Peninsula and Northern and Central California.

The Jewish Food festival and Craft Faire is a community celebration of food and the arts. The setting recreates the streets of New York at the turn of the century when immigrants came to America and settled on the Lower East side. Favorite tastes and smells of the Old Country will blend with music, dancing and story telling. The artist and craft vendors will be able to display and sell their products. All crafts must be original and handmade in the United States or Israel. Preference may be given to exhibitors who display their own original and unique work. Only 20 spaces are available; the fee is $100. Proceeds benefit the educational programs at the synagogue.The festival will take place at the Congregation Beth Israel in Carmel Valley on October 3rd from 10am-4pm. For applications, contact Joan Schaeffer: PO BOX 2234, Carmel, CA 93921, or call 625-5460.

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Unicorn Theater Presents its production of "Two Dozen Red Roses"- a modern, romantic farce by Kenneth Horne. Performances: March 12th through April 4th- Fridays and Saturdays at 8:00pm and Sundays at 7:00pm. Tickets are $15 general, $12 students and seniors. Special group discounts are available. The Unicorn Theater is located on 320 Hoffman Ave. in Monterey. For information, call 649-0259.

ON THE FOOD FRONT with McTavish

The Scotsman Takes A Field Trip To Stammtisch Restaurant

It was a crisp March evening with polar winds gusting off Monterey Bay when I decided that a hot meal of German food was in order. I yodeled an invitation to my friend Olga, who though not from the Rhineland, certainly has a German sense of humor. She was game, so I warmed up my 1957 Duseldorf, threw down the rumble seat and we sputtered off toward the faraway land of Seaside.

Authorities on German food in our area speak of Stammtisch in hushed, reverent tones. Although it's a bit off the well-trodden path, its consistent reputation has emboldened those in search of a hearty repast to make the journey. Stammtisch are also justly famous for their large portions and decent prices. Chef/owner Claudia Moritz has a simple philosophy: "Home made, old-fashioned food that's not too expensive," she told us. "We do just German cooking, and we make everything here." Yes sirree Bob, they are the real thing! To begin our copious repast, I ordered the good old zwiebelsuppe ($4.95). What, you've never had any? MIIS students will recognize that it is German style onion soup. In the bowl is a hollowed-out onion filled with cheese, bread and onion chunks floating in the beef-based broth. I've circled the County and eaten many an onion soup, yet this one was unique and stood alone. Olga tried the baked circle of imported camembert cheese with a half pear and lingon berries ($8.95). From her steel-eyed concentration, I could tell she liked it immensely, but McTavish was still able to wrest a few good moist slices from her plate. Is there heaven on earth? Well, warm, melting camembert comes pretty close.

For my main course I considered the cordon bleu (a pork steak stuffed with ham and Swiss cheese), however my cheese intake was already severe from the appetizers. Instead I opted for my favorite Stammtisch meal...wiener-schnitzel. Yes, the elusive schnitzel! I've traveled to the far ends of the globe in search of a perfect specimen, yet here it lay underfoot in nearby Seaside. When I was young and foolish, I imagined schnitzels were sausage-like creations, greasy and bulging with fat. How foolish could I have been? Wienerschnitzel is a first cousin to Italy's veal Milanese. It's a thin breaded pork steak (veal) fried in butter to a crispy golden brown. At Stammtisch, the schnitzel is so large it takes up the whole plate, forcing the delicious home fries and vegetables to rest atop the massive slab. For $10.95 this is one of the best deals in the restaurant. (Note to thrifty Scotsmen: many of the classic dinner items are available at lunch for a few dollars less.)

As beauteous as my companion was, that tasty wienerschnitzel captivated my complete attention, until I lost the battle of the bulge (my stomach) after devouring the whole flank.

Let me say that vegetarians generally don't flock to German restaurants. Something about the dizzying array of pork steaks, pork chops and pork sausages (as well as roast beef and rib eye steaks) gives them pause... But Stammtisch does serve a very popular vegeterianer platte. Olga--a semi-vegetarian--decided to sample its merits. The large plate was packed with fresh vegetables like red fried cabbage, sauerkraut, home fried potatoes, German noodles, dumplings, salad and much more. She was certainly full after that heaping portion. Even though my seat was beginning to creak and strain under my newly acquired weight, for the benefit of humankind and the children a-comin', I decided to request dessert. Since Olga perked up with interest, we split a tasty German chocolate cake with cherry filling, then braved the cyclonic winds outside.

Chef and owner of Stammtisch restaurant, Claudia Moritz.

After winding the crank on the trusty Duseldorf, we sped off, and buoyed by the excellent meal, we joined in the Seaside tradition of running as many red lights as possible while cruising down Fremont Boulevard.

Before we left, Chef Claudia told us that there will be a free beer tasting at Stammtisch on April 6th at 7pm. You may have to order an appetizer of ham hocks or beef stew, but that is a small price to pay to keep the riff-raff out and the ale a-flowing. Stammtisch also has dancing and live music every month with the Happy Alpiners. The next two dances are on April 17th and May 15th, and you may want to reserve in advance. I'm trying to convince Olga to accompany me and wear her mini-lederhosen (brown suede hot pants with suspenders) that show off her shapely legs. Hey, I'll wear a feathered cap and grow a full beard if necessary. Anyway, for a great authentic German meal, make a bee-line for Stammtisch. After you visit once, you will return!

(Stammtisch is at 1204 Echo Avenue off of Fremont in Seaside, 899-3070. Prices range from $10.95 to $17.95 for dinner entrees. Closed on Mondays.)

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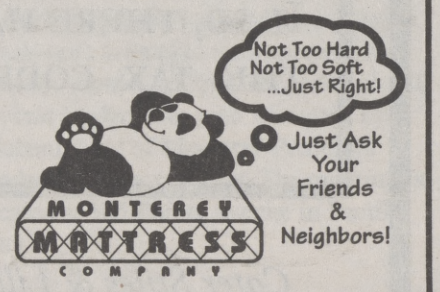

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WHAT'S NEXT? by Mel Vercoe

World War III?

Well, good. It looks like there will soon be plenty of jobs for everybody. The likelihood of our enjoying a few more years of peace is getting more remote by the minute, and many real estate developers will be switching from conventional homes to underground bomb shelters, with nothing above ground but mail boxes and vent pipes.

Life will be much simpler for architects, who won't have to argue with city councils and county supervisors about proper color schemes for roofs, fences, gates, etcetera, because all of those things will be several feet below ground surface.

Several yeas ago, during one of our country's periodic nuclear missile scares, I designed a nuclear fallout protection suit. It consisted of a large inflatable balloon with a zipper door on it. At the first flash of a nuclear bomb, a person could step inside the suit, put their feet into built-in boots, close the zipper, and turn a crank to inflate the balloon.

The roof of the protection suit would be aluminum coated, to keep the nuclear fallout from melting the suit. The boots would make it possible for the occupant to walk around, take pictures, do garden work, etcetera.

Nuclear blasts traditionally create strong winds, so I designed small anchors that would deploy automatically, even for nearby, friendly blasts.

Actually, I suppose our country would be better off without trying so hard to get World War III started, but it would be a shame to let these fallout plans just go to waste.

DOROTHY Zoe Draper

Imagination and Reality

When I first saw The English Patient (and I saw it five more times), I found it so fascinating that I became absorbed in the whole story. The glamorous, beautiful people…Ralph Fiennes and Kristin Scott-Thomas. Everyone in the movie was romantic and exciting. The people dancing the Bosphorus Hug, living and playing in Cairo, finding passion in the desert, the desert itself, its secret sands, its cave paintings painted thousands of years ago, the war, an actor itself, the old Italian castle and its rooms full of ancient fresoes.

It was the most fascinating book I have ever read, except perhaps "The Leopard" with its Sicilian castle.

I was bound up by The English Patient for months. Spellbound, I watched the video and read the book ten times.

Time calmed me down. I started to consider it all more realistically. Would I have wanted to have been in Cairo at that time? No. It was too frightening. There was a huge war going on. The Gernan atrocities were shocking. The gorgeous Ralph Fiennes (the Cont d'Almasy) was not only a desert expert but was, at times, a German spy. His torture, being almost burned alive when his plane crashed, was terrible. He died slowly from pain, sadness, memories.

Life in the old Italian castle sounds romantic, but the castle was wired (by the Germans) and could explode at the touch of a piana key. Both the Indian sapper and the American nurse loved Almasy and loved eachother as well.

Really, what did the novel deal with but broken love, betrayal in love and in war, burning, death, destruction and despair.

In reality, I could see that it was not such a wonderful book. Yet, the reality has not yet tarnished it.

Another novel, "Corelli's Mandolin" by Louis de Bernier. Corelli, an Italian officer, whose forces are allies of the Nazis, has taken over the ancient island of Cellophonia. Now I look at the truth of the story. The Italians were ruthless and could be as cruel as the Nazis.

In spite of his grim Nazi associates, Captain Corelli was a charming, civilized and handsome man; he played the violin and courted the daughter of the island's doctor. The war seemed not to exist. The people resented the occupation, but Captain Corelli's life was pleasant. He enjoyed courtship, his mandolin, the beautiful island.

When the Nazis ordered the Italian troops off of the island, they shot every Italian as they waded through the water to their boats. They took over the island which had been occupied by endless tribes and nations for thousands of years. They tortured and killed. They beat up the doctor and his daughter.

Would I have wanted to be put on this lush, historical island? No, it would have scared me to death. The reality was not the charm of Corelli's mandolin; it was the viciousness of the Nazis.

Perhaps, later, poetry returned. Though our century was ruined by the Industrial Revolution, which began in the middle of the 1750's and ended in the middle of the 1850's, there has been a subtle illumination that lent significance life and peace to death. This was overruled in the strong glare of technology; some magic remains in the hearts of small secret gardens, in private places.

YOUR WORLD & MINE by Araby Colton

To Save the Earth

On the back cover of a neat little book I've come upon is:

"We can make a difference. If we recycled our Sunday papers, we could save over 500,000 trees every week. If every commuter car carried just one more passenger, we'd save 600,000 gallons of gasoline and keep 12 million pounds of 'greenhouse gases' out of the atmosphere every day. If we all installed 'low flow' showerheads we could save billions of gallons of water every year...without ever noticing it. If every American family planted just one tree, over a billion pounds of 'greenhouse gases' would be removed from the atmosphere every year."

The name of this wonderful little book is 50 Simple Things You Can Do to Save the Earth, published by Earthworks Press, Berkeley, CA. You can probably get it at your library. To buy it, send $4.95 to Earthworks Press, Box 25, 1400 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, CA 94709. I assure you, if you care about Mother Earth, you'll be glad that you did.

I quote Chris Caldwell, of the Natural Resources Defense Council:"50 Simple Things empowers the individual to get up and do something about global environmental problems. No point in letting the news reports and magazine coverage drive you to despair; even the most 'intractable' environmental problems march toward a solution when everyday people get involved.

Most of the 50 things covered here are unbelievably easy. They are the kind of things you would do anyway to save money - if you knew how much you could save. Now you do; the Earthworks Group have done your legwork for you.

"Nobody made a greater mistake than he who did nothing because he could only do a little."

The 1990's are bringing, I think, a new sense of awareness that institutions alone can never solve the problems that cumulate from the seemingly inconsequential actions of millions of individuals. My trash, your use of inefficient cars, someone else's water use - all make the planet less livable for the children of today and tomorrow. (And don't forget the animals we're killing off!) But remember: as much as we are the root of the problem, we are also the genesis of its solution. Go to it!"

We're reminded of Edmund Burke's "Nobody made a greater mistake than he who did nothing because he could only do a little."

Foster Friends for Kitten Season

With the arrival of spring, the SPCA of Monterey County has begun to receive litters of young kittens. The SPCA needs homes to provide foster care for many of these litters before they can be adopted. Foster Friends provide the round-the-clock care needed to raise kittens to eight weeks of age, when they can be adopted. Foster care for these very young animals is critical to reducing the number of animals euthanized at the SPCA. Our goal is to place in foster care every young kitten we receive so they each have a chance for a full life.

Foster Friends may be asked to foster an individual kitten, a litter, or a mother cat with a litter of up to eight kittens. Foster periods may vary from two weeks to two months, depending on the age of the kittens when they arrive. Foster care is also needed for young puppies this spring as well as a variety of animals year round.

Foster Friends will be asked to complete a questionnaire and interview. Call 373-2631, 422-4721 or toll free 877-477-2262, ext. 233 or 234 for information.

THE MONTEREY BAY SALMON REPORT by Steve Perry

Encouraging News!

Things are picking up although scores are still only averaging around 5 or 6 fish per boat. A lot of fish are being hooked and coming off thanks to our friend the circle hook. But, there does seem to be a lot more fish in Monterey Bay.

Remember guys and gals, you can't set your hook like the J hook. I know it is a hard habit to break but you have to really let the salmon take the hook and either swallow it or start reeling instead of setting the hook. As the fish turns and swims away, you have a much better chance of hooking the fish with either method.

The Bay Area's (North of Pigeon Point) salmon season opened Saturday, March 27th. But, the fleet didn't get out Saturday due to high winds and 12-18' swells. Sunday was much better. The seas laid down and several boats returned with limits at 1pm. The other boats reported at least a fish a rod or better. The same was true out of Half Moon Bay. So, if you are reluctant to go in Monterey until things pick up a bit more, Half Moon Bay and Berkley/San Francisco are an option. I'd recommend calling the afternoon before you go to check on weather conditions.

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The Views, News and Goings-On in Carmel Valley

5th District Supervisor
Dave Potter
Establishing a Water Transfer Policy

On March 23, 1999, the Monterey County Board of Supervisors made a significant statement about the way land use issues will be handled in the future. It was the consensus of the Board that it is better to make planning decisions based on established policy, not on a project-by-project basis. Before the Board was the complicated question of water use, and the ability to transfer credits from one lot to another.

Historically, the Board had no written policy on water transfers, but in fact, two projects, the Moro Coho development in the Castroville area, and the September Ranch subdivision in Carmel Valley had been approved on a case-by-case basis. These projects approval without a consistent policy statement, allowed developers to subdivide land without available water on site, and set a dangerous precedent for the future approval of similar subdivisions elsewhere in the country.

While the Board agreed on a 3-2 vote to not allow subdivisions to occur unless they could provide for water needs on site, the vote was not as split as it may have appeared. The debate was not so much over whether you should develop land within the confines of your own site's resources, but rather, how much additional study should the issue as a whole receive (i.e. water transfer issues county wide) before a decision was made. It remains my opinion that the ordinance as proposed addresses the need to prohibit the transfer of water credits from one parcel of land another in a simple and concise manner that leaves little room for confusion or misinterpretation.

As we move towards the next millenium, we need to commence a thorough and contemporary rewrite of Monterey County's General Plan. In that process, we must be as publicly inclusive as possible, so that when we are done with the document, it provides us with the best planning guide for the future of Monterey County. We must address all of the issues that lead to so much contention in our county. Issues such as water usage, ag land preservation, affordable housing, and coastal preservation must be included. So with the contemporary General Plan and associated land use area plans, we will be able to proactively plan for our future. As Monterey County commences the much needed update, I encourage you to be as involved as possible, so that your thoughts and concerns are included. I only hope that when all of the hard work is done, and the document is complete, the future policy makers will respect and honor it.

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Wagons Ho!

Tularcitos 5th grade teacher Jen Simmons (on left) and Oak Leaves Studio proprietor Bill Schnute (upper right) assisting Tularcitos students in building wagons as part of their Social Studies.

Bill Schnute opened his Oak Leaves Studio to Tularcitos 5th Graders this week to build their own wagons. Teacher Jen Simmons said the students are studying the western movement and the pioneers as part of the 5th grade social studies curriculum and building their own wagons (at a much smaller scale) helps them to understand the experience.

Bill, whose Oak Leaves Studio is usually devoted to high-end custom doors, donates wood, studio time and himself to the project yearly. "Bill is a great gift," said Simmons adding that the experience is great to expose the kids to woodworking and foster a sense of community. The is fun to be had in the wagon making experience too, Simmons said the kids worked straight through recess and snack time and didn't even notice.

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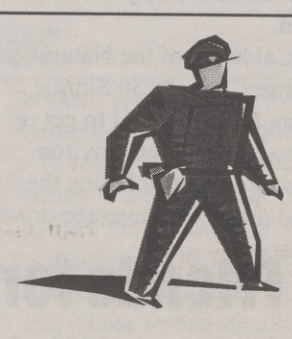

March 9.
Carmel Valley: Woman was stopped for a traffic infraction. She was found to be an unlicensed driver. She was cited and vehicle was towed.
Carmel Valley: An anonymous person reported that a man and his girlfriend were in possession of marijuana. The couple agreed to have the premises searched and no drugs were found. Woman turned in a smoking pipe and requested that it be destroyed.
Carmel Valley: An anonymous person reported a man was filling scuba tanks near the front yard of his residence. The noise of the compressed air going into the tanks was bothering the caller. The man complied and stopped filling the tanks.

March 11
Carmel Valley: Man reported that his son was the Carmel Valley Community Center and that he was restricted from going there. Boy was counseled and released to his father.

March 12
Pebble Beach: 102-year-old man reported hearing voices from within his house. Nothing was found.
Carmel: Neighbor told woman that the television was on and the back door was unlocked to her guesthouse. No apparent entry to the house was discovered. No crime.
Carmel Valley: Man reported the theft and usage of his cellular phone without his authorization.
Carmel Valley: Manager from Mid-Valley Safeway reported a man running from the store with stolen liquor. Man was apprehended after a foot chase and struggle. The man was charged with burglary and resisting arrest. He had stolen thirteen bottles of alcohol, which was hidden, under his clothing. He was lodged into county jail.

March 13
Monterey: Woman reported hearing footsteps on her porch on Seca Place. An area check was made. Nothing was found.

March 16
Carmel: Man reported a telephone call from someone who said he was with a company checking on credit card fraud and tried to get some personal information from him.

March 17
Carmel: Administrator at Carmel Middle School reported a 13 year old male was giving prescription medication to other students. The school suspended several students. Investigation continues.

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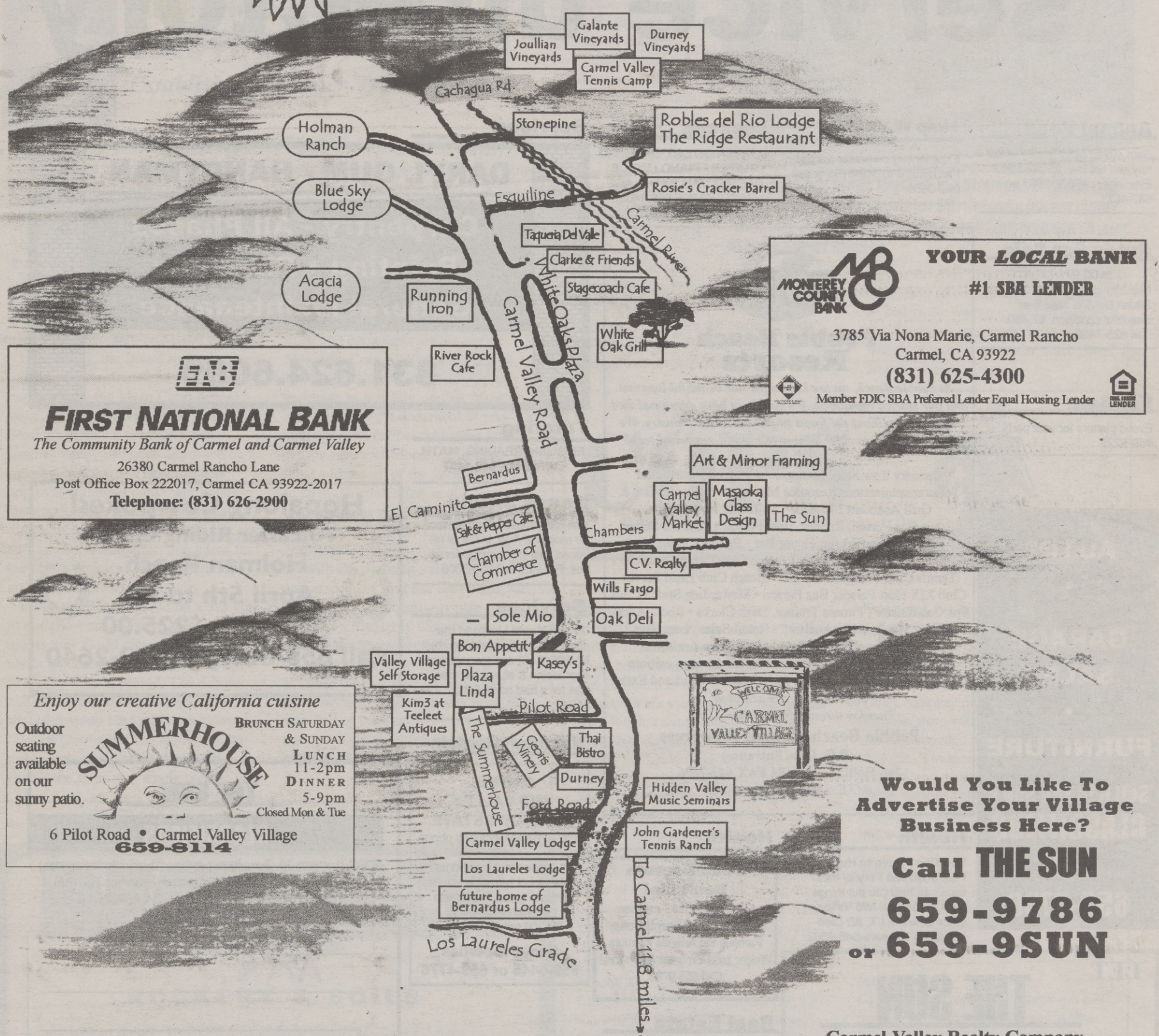

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